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Ex-Norwegian Envoy Appeals 20-Year Sentence for Spying

OSLO, July 4 (Reuters) — A former Norwegian diplomat lodged appeals today against a 20-year jail sentence for spying for the Soviet Union and Iraq.

The former diplomat, Arne Treholt, said in a statement that he was appealing both the sentence imposed June 20 and the procedure during the 10-week trial, the longest in Norwegian history.

Should the Norwegian Supreme Court accept the appeals, a new trial would be held next year.

Mr. Treholt, 42 years old, was found guilty of spying for the Soviet K.G.B., the intelligence agency, from 1974 to 1983, when he held senior posts in Oslo and abroad.